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COMMUNICATION

Detroit, Mich., May 25, 1916
Editor, The Record,
Alma, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Recent public utterances from a pulpit in your city by Rev. Brownlow on the subject of Christian Science prompts a request for space in your paper in justice to the Christian Scientists of Alma, that some of the points touched on by the gentleman may be made clear.

It may be observed that the remarks of the Reverend critic have a familiar ring,—very familiar, indeed. In fact, as a whole, the gentleman's attack is a complete replica of similar attacks which have been made on Christian Science and its founder Mary Baker Eddy, throughout the last half-century, the while Christian Science has proceeded steadily on its way defusing its messages of love and healing thousands upon thousands of people throughout the world. It may be interesting to your readers to know that no religious movement has ever been the object of misrepresentation and vilification to the extent that Christian Science has and no other religious movement has ever experienced the marvelous growth that has attended Christian Science. Reference is made to this latter fact merely as an indication of the "awe" in which Christian Science stand of these periodical attacks. The misrepresentation of our critic might temporarily deceive those who have never looked into Christian Science or who have never experienced its beneficial ministrations, but to those who have felt its loving and feeling touch and who have taken the time to honestly investigate its teachings such an example of religious intolerance amounts to little. Just why the Reverend critic deems it necessary to warn his flock of the dangers of a religion such as he has described is somewhat of a puzzle for it should be perfectly clear that no one clothed in a reasonable degree of common sense could be misled by any such teachings as the critic has attributed to Christian Science.

The critic has taken much time in an endeavor to minimize the healing of disease through the application of Christian Science. Aside from the question as to whether or not Christian Science heals, a study of the Bible, and especially the New Testament, will reveal unmistakably the duty of everyone of us in this particular. It is very clear that Jesus healed the sick metaphysically and it is just as clear that these examples of healing given to the world by Jesus were for the guidance of all mankind and that it is not only the privilege but the duty of us all to so acquaint ourselves with God and God's laws as to be able to follow the Master in the way of his directing and to "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." (Matthew 10-8). Therefore, it is observed that regardless of whether or not Christian Science is healing the sick, our Reverend critic has sadly missed the lesson of Jesus' life work if he is not endeavoring to heal the sick and the sinful as Jesus directed we should.

The evidence and the testimony of those who have been healed through the ministrations of Christian Science are probably a safer guide in this particular than the word of one who, instead of endeavoring to follow the Master in the way of his appointing, so far forgets his Christian duty as to misrepresent and malign the convictions of those who are endeavoring to follow the humble Nazarene in the way they believe proper. Thousands upon thousands of intelligent men and women are daily relying upon God as their sole physician through the teaching of Christian Science, and the diseases which have been thus healed comprise almost everything known to human experience, a large majority of which diseases having been healed after all other known methods have failed and the patient has been given up to die or as incurable.

As to whether Christian Science is Christianly or "Christ-like" depends solely upon its strict adherence to the teachings and examples of the Master, and Christian Scientists maintain that at every point its teachings are not only in accord with those of Jesus of Nazareth but that it proves them to be so in accord with his teachings in its healing of the sick and the sinful in the manner Jesus healed them.

There has probably been no agency since the time of Jesus which has so potentially operated against sin and sinful conditions and thoughts as has Christian Science, and the assertion by the gentleman that Christian Science ignores sin could find birth only in the most object ignorance of its teachings. Christian Science teaches that sin is not of God and that only through this understanding can sin ever be overcome and permanently subdued. If we are to attribute sin to God, then all of our efforts at conquering sin are a waste of time for all that God created is as permanent as God himself. The same may be said of sickness. If God creates sickness, then, as Mrs. Eddy says on page 229 of Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, "We cannot if we would, and should not if we could annul the degrees of wisdom" either with or without drugs or material remedies.

Christian Science teaches, as Jesus taught, that "God is a spirit" (John 4-24) and that man is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1-26 27). Therefore, the only logical conclusion that could be drawn is that man is spiritual. In this, Christian Science does not ignore matter or material conditions but it teaches exactly what matter is. The Bible

throughout, correctly interpreted, teaches the ailness of spirit, as does Christian Science, and it is only through the recognition of the reality of the spiritual universe, including man, and a correct and scientific understanding of what matter is that the examples of Jesus became practical and the Truth which he taught becomes available.

As to whether Christian Science is Scientific depends upon its ability to prove its teachings and those of the Master "by signs following." It is that Jesus of Nazareth was the most maintained by Christian Scientists scientific man that ever trod the globe (Science and Health, page 313) in that he proved his words by his works, and it cannot be denied that both his words and his works were in distinct opposition to the teachings of old theology and so-called natural science. He taught the science of God, or the law of Divine Mind which law he demonstrated and proved to be superior to all other so-called laws, or a law of annihilation to all that is unlike God, and this is exactly what Christian Science is endeavoring to do.

The faults which the Reverend critic seems to find with Christian Science are strikingly in accord with the charges and accusations which the scribes, the priests and the Pharisees of old hurled against the Master; yet Christianity lives on and through Christian Science it is demonstrating and will demonstrate to all the ages to come, those great truths which Jesus came to establish with men.

It is not possible in a brief newspaper article to go into all the points raised by our critic, but to those interested in knowing the truth about Christian Science and its Reverend Leader, Mrs. Eddy, reference is directed to the Christian Science textbook and to the various other writings of Mrs. Eddy on this subject, as well as the history of the life of Mrs. Eddy by Sibyl Wilbur. Christian Science is an open book, subject to the investigation of all, and the carpings of prejudice and bigotry need not be relied upon as the only source of authentic information concerning this all-important subject.

Thanking you for your courtesy in allowing space for this explanation, I am,

Yours truly,
W. D. KILPATRICK

County Correspondence

WHEELER.

Henry Mead was in Battle Creek several days last week, on business.

Barney Swope was in Saginaw last Tuesday.

The high school gave a fine play Tuesday evening, "Crimson and White".

Mrs. Ed. Allen and Mrs. Arthur Roof were shopping in Saginaw Wednesday.

Mrs. Stevenson of St. Louis visited her mother Mrs. Frick a few days last week.

Charles Hynes was called to Durand Thursday night by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. Ransford of Caro is visiting her brother A. Johnson for a few days.

The graduating exercises for the high school were held Friday evening. Ten pupils were graduated, Rev. Spencer of Saginaw gave the address.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffy are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Wood's.

Mrs. Brennan is entertaining her brother from Detroit for a few days.

Mr. Russel Allen visited in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox of Saginaw called on her sister-in-law Mrs. Charles Maxted Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Owen and Mr. and Mrs. D. Lockwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kingsbury of Alma.

Miss Francis Yankee spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Street.

Dr. Street and family took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Benjamin of Langport.

Miss Story of St. Louis visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Story of this place over Sunday.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE.

Henry Granger is building a new house. they expect to occupy it for the summer then move to Mt. Pleasant this fall.

Miss Ivah Dickinson spent a few days the past week at the home of T. M. Ingram of Summerton.

Mrs. Luther Mead and Mrs. Dickinson called on Mrs. Mable Ingram Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. James Shaffer was in Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Eliza Hayerman was in Elwell Saturday.

Mrs. V. Dickinson called on Mrs. M. Loomis Thursday afternoon.

Vern Norton of St. Louis visited at the home of V. Dickinson, Sunday.

Charles Biggs and wife visited at the home of W. Pepples Sunday.

Raymond Loomis visited friends near Vestaburg Sunday.

V. Dickinson and Hubbard Biggs were in Riverdale Saturday on business.

PROBATE NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the annual account of Willis T. Knowlton, Lester A. Sharp, the Executors of the Estate of Ammi W. Wright, deceased, of Gratiot county, Michigan, now on file will be examined and if found correct, allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 24th day of June next, at ten o'clock a. m., of said day. Dated Ithaca, May 26th, A. D. 1916. A true copy. J. LEE POTTS, Madge E. Barnes, Judge of Probate Register of Probate. 41-4-x

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